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DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM, DUGSTAD

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: SNAR, CO

SUBJ: US MARIJUANA LAWS

1. GOC IS CONSIDERING NEW LEGISLATION ON SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND OTHER DRUGS. AT PRESENT, GOC CRIMINAL CODES AND NARCOTICS STATUE ARE MUTE REGARDING AMOUNTS OF DRUGS WHICH CONSTITUTE POSSESSION FOR PERSONAL USE. GOC JUDGES MUST, THEREFORE, DECIDE ISSUE OF TRAFFICKING VERSUS PESSESSION. RULING OFTEN IS THAT POSSESSION ON ONLY A FEW GRAMS OF MARIJUANA OR ANOTHER SUBSTANCE CONSTITUTES TRAFFICKING.

2. GOC OFFICIALS ARE COMING TO THE REALIZATION THAT INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING ONLY POSSESSION OF A FEW GRAMS OF DRUGS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THAT THEY DIVERT ATTENTION FROM MAJOR TRAFFICKERS. AS AN AID IN DRAFTING NEW LEGISLATION, GOC MINHEALTH AND MINJUSTICE HAVE ASKED MISSION TO PROVIDE COPIES US STATE LAWS PROVIDING FOR DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION ON SIMPLE POSSESSION OF OTHER TYPES OF NARCOTICS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF STATE AND

FEDERAL LAWS ON SIMPLE DRUG POSSESSION FOLLOWED BY POUCHES,
COPIES, OR EXTRACTS FROM PERTINENT LAWS.
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